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Comments: Following up our telephone conference call of last Wednesday, March 26, 2003, I am sending you a supplemental amendment for the above patent application. I believe that it incorporates the amendments which you had suggested, but if not, please give me a call.

Thank you again for your careful consideration of the application.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Further in response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. A clean copy of the amended claims is attached.

- Claim 1 (Amended). A Skills Matching Application (SMA) which allows a user to communicate requirements to technical service suppliers in a way that significantly reduces the process time and improves the accuracy of requests sent to suppliers comprising [the steps of]: means for accessing the SMA from a Requisition/Catalog (REQ/CAT) application;
- means for prompting a user through a series of screens to enter a 7 Statement of Work (SOW) and complete a skills detail checklist for each 8